

Biblioevents

RIDGEFIELD REMEMBERS THE CIVIL WAR

The Civil War was one of the most transformative periods in our national history, and people across the country are observing its sesquicentennial with an outpouring of books, films and other educational and cultural activities. Seeking to tie these large historical events to local history, the organizers of *Ridgefield Remembers the Civil War* have put together numerous commemorative programs for all ages in the 6 months

leading up to the anniversary of the July 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, in which Ridgefield soldiers took part. The culminating highlight of this effort will be a *Soldiers Fair* in Ballard Park on Saturday, June 8 from 1 to 4:30 PM (rain date June 9), to feature re-enactors, period music, games and numerous other activities. Visit ridgefieldlibrary.org for information.



Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation with Todd Brewster



Author, journalist and film producer **Todd Brewster** will discuss his latest project, a book about Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation. Brewster served as Senior Editorial Producer for **ABC News**, and co-authored three books with the late **Peter Jennings**: *The Century*, *The Century for Young People*, and *In Search of America*.

This program takes place at the Schlumberger auditorium.

Thursday, May 30, 7 PM

@ Schlumberger Auditorium, 36 Quarry Rd.

Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

Gettysburg Performance @ Ridgefield Playhouse



Especially for kids, **Gettysburg**, an edutainment musical production that commemorates the 150th Anniversary of The Civil War, will be presented by Quill Entertainment Company at The Ridgefield Playhouse on **Tuesday, May 7**, at 10 AM (elementary schools) & 12:30 PM (middle schools). Shows are geared to children but **people of all ages are welcome to attend the performances.** Tickets are \$10.

Tuesday, May 7, 10 AM and 12:30 PM

@ Ridgefield Playhouse

Tickets at www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org

LIVE MUSIC AND ARTALK

Ridgefield Folk with Mimi Fox



Join us for internationally renowned guitarist, composer and recording artist **Mimi Fox**, who has been named a winner in 6 consecutive *Downbeat Magazine* international critic's polls and has been recognized by writers and

colleagues alike as one of the most eloquent guitarists on today's scene. Free thanks to the Friends of the Library. Tickets given out at the door starting at 1 PM.

Sunday, May 12, 2 PM

@ 21 Governor Street

ARTALK: The Women with Nancy Moore and Other Artists



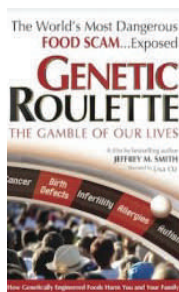
Nancy Moore, curator of "The Women" art exhibit at the Ridgefield Guild of Artists, will give an introductory talk about this Guild "issues-oriented" show. Selected artists will also be on hand to discuss their work. Refreshments will be served. The event takes place at **the Guild of Artists on Halpin Lane.**

Sunday, May 19, 2 PM

Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

DOCUMENTARY FILMS:

Genetic Roulette with GMO Free Connecticut



The fascinating documentary *Genetic Roulette* looks at Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and provides a compelling story about what could be causing the deteriorating health of Americans.

Join GMO Free CT to watch this film and discuss one of the most important issues facing us today.

Thursday, May 9, 7 PM
Register www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

First Position with Ridgefield Conservatory of Dance

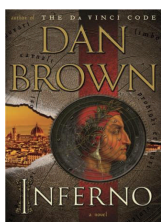


The award-winning documentary *First Position* follows six young dancers preparing for the Youth America Grand Prix in New York City, a competition for dancers ages 9–19 to earn a place at ballet companies. Directed by Bess Kargman, it features the dancers as they intensively train and prepare for what could be the turning point of their lives. Co-sponsored by Ridgefield Conservatory of Dance and Ridgefield Civic Ballet.

Saturday, May 18, 2:30 PM
Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

AUTHOR TALKS

Codes and Symbols with Dan Brown



Join us to watch *Da Vinci Code* author **Dan Brown** via live stream from Lincoln Center as he discusses his latest Robert Langdon thriller, *Inferno*.

Copies of the book will be available for sale thanks to

Books on the Common. Space is limited so registration is highly recommended.

Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 PM
Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

Poetry Reading and Reception with Kimberly Cloutier Green



Join us for a poetry reading and reception featuring award-winning poet **Kimberly Cloutier Green** as she reads from her recently released book *The Next Hunger*. Kimberly went to Wilton High School and lived in Ridgefield after she graduated from college. Co-sponsored by Books on the Common.

This program takes place at Watershed Gallery, 23 Governor Street - just across from the Library.

Friday, May 17, 7 PM
Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

The Curse with Robert H. Steele

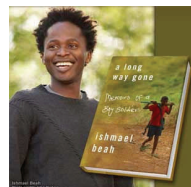


Join us for an Author Talk with **Robert H. Steele**, author of the novel *The Curse: Big Time Gambling's Seduction of a Small New England Town*, set against the gambling explosion that hit CT in the 1990s. Steele is a graduate of Amherst College and Columbia University, he served in the CIA and Congress, and was a candidate for governor of Connecticut. He lives with his wife in Essex, CT.

Books will be available for sale and signing thanks to Books on the Common.

Wednesday, May 22, 7 PM
Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier with Ishmael Beah



A former child soldier from Sierra Leone, **Ishmael Beah** moved to the United States in 1998 and graduated from Oberlin College in 1994. He is a member of the Human Rights Watch Children's Rights Division Advisory Committee and has spoken before the United Nations and the Council on Foreign Relations. He lives in New York City.

Copies of his memoir *A Long Way Home* will be available for sale and signing thanks to Books on the Common.

Thursday, May 23, 7 PM
Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

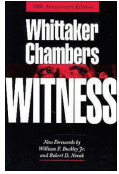
LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NONFICTIONEERS

Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, May 7
7:15 PM

Witness by
Whittaker Chambers
(Two session discussion)



First published in 1952, *Witness* was at once a literary effort, a philosophical treatise, and a bestseller. Whittaker Chambers had just participated in America's trial of the century in which Chambers claimed that Alger Hiss, a full-standing member of the political establishment, was a spy for the Soviet Union. This poetic autobiography recounts the famous case, and also reveals much more.

MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, May 2
11:15 AM

Junkyard Dogs
by Craig Johnson

Small-town Wyoming

sheriff Walt Longmire and his team deal with deaths spurred by everything from insurance fraud and land development to age-old tensions between the white and Native American communities.

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 21
7:15 PM

Tell the Wolves I'm Home
by Carol Rifka Brunt



This coming-of-age tale is set during the 1980s AIDS epidemic. For 14 year-old

June, the trials of adolescence are complicated by the loss of her beloved Uncle Finn to HIV. Finn, a renowned Manhattan artist, shaped June's view of the world. Defying her mother, June strikes up a secret friendship with Finn's partner, the only person who truly shares and

understands her grief. This moving reflection about the many faces of love has become a favorite among the Ridgefield Library staff.

BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Next Meeting
Monday, May 13
10:30 AM



This program now takes place @ **the Keeler Tavern Museum at 132 Main Street.**

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, May 17
1 PM

Howl and Other Poems
by Allen Ginsberg
A limited number of copies of the book will be available for discussion participants, thanks to the Friends of the Library.

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, May 22
11:15 AM

The Red Badge of Courage
by Stephen Crane

The author turns the skeptical and ironic eye of a journalist on the experience of a young Union soldier coming of age during the Civil War and coming to terms with the nature of bravery, death and patriotism. This classic has been lauded for both its realistic portrayal of life in the ranks and its lyrical use of symbolism.

Presented as part of town-wide activities commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Library Book Groups always welcome new members. Copies of the books may be purchased at Books on the Common at a 15% discount, or inquire about in-house and Inter-Library Loan availability.

SPRING BOOK SALE & TECH FRIDAYS

Friends of the Library Book Sale @ Yanity Gym

Don't miss the Friends of the Library giant spring book sale!

Friday, May 3, 9 AM - 12 noon - Early Buying
(free for Friends members; \$10 admission for non-members)
Friday, May 3, 12 noon - 8 PM - Free Admission
Saturday, May 4, 9 AM - 5 PM - Free Admission
Sunday, May 5, 12 noon - 5 PM - All books half price
Monday, May 6, 9 AM - 4 PM - Bag of books for \$5 -
(bring your own bag)

Friday through Monday, May 3 to May 6
@ Yanity Gym, 60 Prospect Street

Tech Fridays: Beginning Computing for Seniors with Fritz Mundorff

Your grandchildren have learning tools that were not even imagined during your school years. This program is designed to introduce you to computer concepts and provide an opportunity to experience hands on computing with the Library's own **Fritz Mundorff.**



Friday, May 24, 1 - 3 PM
No registration

EVENTS CALENDAR - MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>More Civil War Events Around Town Family History Hunt Through June 1 Presented by Keeler Tavern Museum</p> <p>Gettysburg Performance Tuesday, May 7, 10 AM and 12:30 PM @ Ridgefield Playhouse</p> <p>Western Connecticut Youth Orchestra Concert Sunday, May 19, 4 PM @ Ridgefield High School</p> <p>For more information visit ridgefieldlibrary.org</p>				<p>2 Murder by the Book: <i>Junkyard Dogs</i> by Craig Johnson 11:15 AM</p>	<p>3 Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale: 9 AM to 8 PM (\$10 admission, before noon - free for Friends members) @ Yanity Gym</p>	<p>4 Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale: 9 AM to 5 PM @ Yanity Gym</p> <p>Ridgefield's Gone Country 10 AM to 5 PM</p> <p>Celebrate Spring: <i>Darwin's Dozen</i> 6 - 8 PM</p>
<p>5 Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale: 9 AM to 5 PM (1/2 price books) @ Yanity Gym</p>	<p>6 Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale: 9 AM to 4 PM (Bag of books \$5) @ Yanity Gym</p>	<p>7 The Nonfiction-eers: <i>Witness</i> by Whittaker Chambers 7:15 PM</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Founders Hall Discussion: <i>The Tiger's Wife</i> by Tea Obreht 3 PM Film Screening: <i>Genetic Roulette</i> 7 PM - register</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Shutterbugs: Monthly Meeting 9 AM</p> <p>Activity: <i>Family Game Afternoon</i> 2 - 4 PM</p>
<p>12 Concert: <i>Ridgefield Folk</i> with Mimi Fox 2 PM Free tickets at the door at 1 PM</p>	<p>13 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast @ Keeler Tavern Museum</i> 10:30 AM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Author Talk: <i>Codes and Secrets</i> - a live stream of Dan Brown live from Lincoln Center 7:30 PM Register</p>	<p>16 The Writers Guild of Ridgefield: <i>A Networking Group for Writers</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>17 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Howl and Other Poems</i> by Allen Ginsberg 1 PM Poetry Reading: with Kimberly Cloutier Green @ Watershed Gallery 7 PM</p>	<p>18 Documentary Film Screening: <i>First Position</i> 2:30 PM register</p>
<p>19 ARTalk and Exhibit Tour: <i>The Women</i> with Nancy Moore @ The Ridgefield Guild of Artists 2 PM register</p>	<p>20 Meeting: <i>Library Board</i> 7:30 PM</p>	<p>21 Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>Tell the Wolves I'm Home</i> by Carol Rifka Brunt 7:15 PM</p>	<p>22 A.M. Book Group: <i>The Red Badge of Courage</i> by Stephen Crane 11:15 AM</p> <p>Author Talk: <i>The Curse</i> with Robert Steele 11:15 AM</p>	<p>23 World Views and Author Talk: <i>A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier</i> with Ishmael Beah 7 PM</p>	<p>24 Tech Fridays: <i>Beginning Computing for Seniors</i> with Fritz Mundorff 1 - 3 PM</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Library Closed: <i>Memorial Day</i></p>	<p>27 Library Closed: <i>Memorial Day</i></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Lecture: <i>Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation</i> with Todd Brewster @ Schlumberger Auditorium 7 PM - register</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>